# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## Friday, the 4th August 1950.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

### I.—PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that under Rule 15 of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated the following four members of the Council to be the panel of Chairmen for the second session of the Council as from the commencement of the Constitution.—

(1) Sri K. Manathunainatha Desigar,

(2) Sri N. Venkatachalamaji,

(3) Mrs. M. Hensman and

(4) Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao.

### II.—DR. V. K. JOHN'S RESIGNATION.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to inform the House that under the provisions of clause 3 (b) of Article 190 of the Constitution of India, Dr. V. K. John has tendered his resignation of the office of Member of the Madras Legislative Council with effect from the 18th July 1950 and his resignation has been accepted.

" Dr. John has written a letter to me regarding his resignation and I think it is right that I must acquaint the House with the contents of this letter. The Secretary will now read this letter. The Secretary then read the following letter :—

'I am writing to resign my seat in the Legislative Council, Madras, for the reason that my firm Messrs. John & Row has accepted the post of " State Counsel " from the 1st of August 1950 with the result that I hold an office of profit within the meaning of Article 191 (1) (*a*) of the Constitution of India.

'I was returned to the Legislative Council in March 1940 about ten years ago and I feel that I might leave this field of service for another. I have also been the Leader of the Opposition for a long time and it is only fair that somebody else may be given the opportunity to occupy this position.

'I must thank you most sincerely for all the courtesy and consideration you have shown me. I consider it a great privilege to have been a member of the House, of which you are the Chairman and to have occupied the position of the Leader of the Opposition.

'I want you to convey my most sincere gratitude to every one of the Hon'ble Members of the House for the kindness they have invariably shown me and particularly to the members of the Government, including the Leader of the House with all of whom, I have had the most cordial relationship.

'Among the Legislative bodies in our country, the reputation of the Madras Legislative Council stands very high and in creating and sustaining this reputation, every member has contributed his bit. It is for others to evaluate what contribution the opposition under my leadership has made, but I might be permitted to say this, that it has been our anxious concern that the opposition should function without fear or favour, without ill-will or animosity but only with the one object of assisting by criticisms, suggestions and otherwise the good Government of our State. No doubt, the opposition has very strongly criticized Government measures, but it has criticized measures, not men, and never was it